

MONTANA NEIGHBOR AWARDS®:

2009 NOMINATION FORM

Purpose:

Montana Neighbor Awards gives recognition to landowners who go the extra mile through collaborative efforts to enhance our Montana sense of community. Our mission is to promote the on-the-ground reality of being a good Montana neighbor in a time of transition in our state.

Nomination Process:

Nominations shall be submitted in writing, and shall include a summary of two typed pages or less, describing why the person is being nominated, including specific reference to the Award Criteria, below. (Nominations will also be considered for landowner and ranch managers as a “team”, where working together they meet the criteria below.)

Nominations must include the name, address, telephone number, and email, if any, of the person making the nomination, and the same information concerning the person(s) being nominated.

Award Criteria:

The following categories will be used by the Awards Committee to rank nominees:

Cooperation: Displays high degree of collaboration with neighbors, watershed groups and local and statewide conservation organizations. Maintains cooperative relations with state or federal agencies such as Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Parks Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, agricultural extension services, Undaunted Stewardship and/or other conservation interests working in Montana.

Neighborly Land Access: Does not require a fee for recreational access,* and makes land available to the public for lawful activities through a variety of methods ranging from granting permission to those who respectfully ask, to participation in Block Management, to enabling access to mentored youth programs or programs for the disabled, etc.

*Access for fishing, hunting, hiking, and/or bird-watching, etc.

Land Stewardship/Conservation Ethic: Engages in high quality land stewardship practices, including but not limited to excellence in range management, soil conservation techniques, combating invasive weeds, maintaining healthy streamflows, managing for rangeland and forest health, biological diversity and healthy fish and wildlife habitat. Habitat values include, but are not limited to, protecting riparian zones, water quality, and streamflows. Participates in long-term conservation strategies such as conservation easements or voluntary watershed drought plans that conserve habitat for future generations.

Community Leadership: Participates actively in the local community on issues affecting landowner and non-landowner relations, and in public or collaborative forums where issues affecting Montana's tradition of neighborliness are resolved.

Submitting Nominations:

Nominations can be sent by email to: Brian.Kahn@earthlink.net, or by regular mail to Montana Neighbor Awards, PO Box 748, Helena, MT 59624.

If sending by email, request confirmation of receipt to be sure your nomination has been received.

Nominations must be received by November 16, 2009.

Award Certificates:

Framed award certificates will be presented to each winner. Certificates shall be high quality and personalized, and shall be signed by the Award Committee members and by the Governor of Montana.

Awards Committee Membership:

Artemis Common Ground, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, The Nature Conservancy of Montana, Montana Alliance of Land Trusts, Montana Council of Trout Unlimited, a representative of production agriculture, and the office of the Governor.